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SUBJ: CIVIL LITIGATION: S. LENG VS. KORAT AB NCOOM, ET AL

REF: STATE 77131

1. THE THREE SUMMONSES FORWARDED BY MFA ARE IN THE SAME PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY MR. S. LENG AT KORAT. THEY REQUEST THE PRESENCE OF SGT. TOMMY WILLIAMSON, COL. KENNETH GALLAGHER AND SGT. DONALD GOW AT A HEARING AT 8:30 A.M. 11 APRIL 1975. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE HEARING IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FUNDS OF THE KORAT NCO CLUB ON DEPOSIT AT THE KORAT BANK OF AMERICA MILITARY BANKING FACILITY SHOULD BE ATTACHED PRIOR TO JUDGMENT. HOWEVER, THE SUMMONSES BECAUSE OF THEIR PREPRINTED AND ABBREVIATED NATURE ARE NOT CLEAR IN THIS RESPECT. OUR OPINION AS TO THE NATURE OF THE HEARING, THEREFORE, IS PREMISED UPON THE PROCEEDINGS PREVIOUSLY INITIATED BY MR. S. LENG IN THIS CASE.

2. THE THAI ATTORNEY EMPLOYED IN THE OFFICE OF THE KORAT STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, MR. PAITOOL, DIED IN AN AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENT LAST NIGHTN 7 APRIL 1975. HE WAS THE PRIMARY POINT OF LIAISON WITH MR. CHUMLONG, THE LOCAL ATTORNEY RETAINED ON BEHALF OF THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE IN THIS CASE. ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO TEMPORARILY UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSIGN ANOTHER THAI ATTORNEY TO KORAT FROM ONE OF THE

OTHER BASES IN-COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE 11 APRIL COURT DATE.

THE CURRENT LACK OF AN ATTORNEY, HOWEVER, WILL INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATING WITH MR. CHUMLONG WHOSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY IS SOMEWHAT LIMITED. CONSEQUENTLY YOUR GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED SOONEST.

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